

E-HAPPENINGS

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

December 2011

NEWS AND EVENTS

WNC Campus Gets a Little Greener

The college joined Friends of the Urban Forest Canopy last week in planting a grove of trees on the lawn between the Dini Library and Student Center and the Child Development Center. The Sustainability Committee recently hosted an America Recycles Day booth at WNC Carson City to educate students and faculty about the positive impact that recycling products can have on our environment.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-11-23a.php>



(L-R) Geology Professor Winnie Kortemeier, left, and Donna Ashby of the Business Office check out recycled pencils at the America Recycles Day booth; The Associated Students of Western Nevada and President Carol Lucey participate in tree planting event; Genoa Trees employees plant the trees on campus.

FACULTY: Remind Students of NEW Online Class Evaluations

WNC students will evaluate their courses online for the first time, beginning next week, and the college is working to ensure a good response. The online evaluations will offer faculty valuable feedback and give students a chance to enter a drawing for an iPad. It should take only about five minutes to evaluate a course. Students will receive a link to the survey via e-mail. Faculty should remind students to make sure their e-mail address is up-to-date in myWNC so they can be notified.

Donation Provides Laboratory on Wheels for Nursing & EMS Students

Washoe County recently donated an ambulance to the WNC Nursing and Allied Health Division to enhance the learning experience for emergency medical services and nursing students. The equipment will help students prepare for a real world working environment.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-11-17b.php>



Subscription Farming Becoming Conduit for Fresh and Locally Grown Food

Area growers can learn about a new trend - subscription farming - at an upcoming Western Nevada College Specialty Crop Institute workshop. "Subscription Farming for the Small Farm" meets Saturday, Dec. 17, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., at WNC Fallon campus, 160 Campus Way. Cost is \$35 if registered by December 9 and \$45 afterward. Lunch is included. Register at 775-351-2551.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-11-21a.php>

Beatles-Themed Employee Giving Campaign Halfway Home



Let's "Come Together" Western! Employee giving has reached 50 percent participation for 2011, according to Foundation Director Amy Ginder, "but we can do better!" Donations may be for any amount, and payroll deduction is available. Some employees select specific academic programs or services for their contribution, while others endow a scholarship of their choice.

"There is less than a month of the campaign left, so dig deep into those pockets," Ginder urged. Past donations have been integral in helping to sustain student life and arts programs at WNC. Certainly, "We Can Work It Out!" To donate, contact the WNC Foundation at 445-3240.

<http://www.wnc.edu/foundation/>

Solar Project Moving Right Along



The framework for a major solar energy project is taking shape at the Carson City campus. Black Rock Solar of Reno is erecting the 200 KW array on the west side of campus. Upon completion, the college will save close to \$30,000 each year on utility costs. The project also fits in WNC's efforts to create a more sustainable campus.

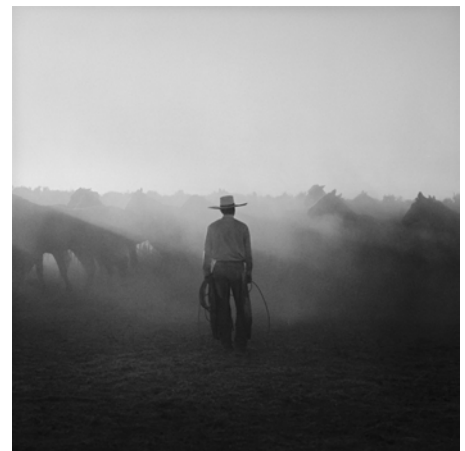
<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-10-06a.php>

IN THE ARTS

Fallon Hosts Nevada Arts Council Exhibit

WNC Fallon Gallery presents *Great Basin Exteriors: A Photographic Survey*, now through Wednesday, Jan. 25. The exhibition features 30 photographs by regional artists Adam Jahiel, Daniel Cheek and Nolan Preece, and is made possible by the Nevada Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Nevada State Legislature. Pictured: Remuda # 5, Spanish Ranch by Adam Jahiel.

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ATHLETICS

You are
cordially invited . . .



Annual Athletics Fundraiser to Kick Off

The WNC Foundation debuts a new concept for the annual Athletics Fundraiser this year.... a non-event. Deep cuts to the state budgets make 2011-2012 a critical year for WNC's self-supported athletics program, and the Foundation needs to raise \$215,000 to meet the travel and operating budgets for Wildcats baseball and softball student athletes. By not putting on an event, all the monies donated goes directly to the teams. View the invitation or donate now at:

www.wnc.edu/foundation/

Baseball Players Sign D-I Letters of Intent

Four Wildcats student athletes have committed to play for notable Division I universities in 2013. Taylor Smart, Chris Woolley, Alex Schmidt and Andrew Woeck inked their letters of intent on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-11-16a.php>



CAMPUS CORNER

ASWN Gives Back This Holiday Season

Giving Tree Project: The Associated Students of Western Nevada are helping students in need this holiday season.

They will set up a tree in the Bristlecone Lobby at WNC Carson City bearing the names of students and their families who could use a little holiday cheer. Anyone who chooses to sponsor a student will need to deliver the gifts to the ASWN office by Friday, Dec. 9.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-11-18a.php>

Volunteer Work: ASWN students used their day off to help sort canned goods and bread at the Northern Nevada Food Bank on Wednesday, Nov. 23. In two and a half hours, the group moved more than 11,250 pounds of food.



WNC Fallon Helping Needy Students

The Fallon campus is collecting non-perishable food items for WNC students who may need a helping hand during this holiday season. Canned or packet foods or gift cards to Safeway or Walmart would be appreciated, especially for those who rely on financial aid checks to survive. Deliver items to the library or main office.

WNC Douglas Hosting Food Drive

The Douglas campus is collecting non-perishable food items for the Family Support Council of Douglas County, an organization that helps victims of domestic violence find paths to safety and healing. They will accept donations from students and community members through Friday, Dec. 16. With the holidays and winter weather fast approaching, families seeking support through the organization are in need of donated food such as canned soups, vegetables, juices, pre-packaged pasta dinners, canned meats and more. www.family-support.org

Classified Council Food Drive Yields Heaps of Donations

The numbers are in for the Scare Away Hunger Halloween Food Drive. Classified Council collected 268 pounds of food and \$155 in cash donations. Thanks to all!

Phi Theta Kappa Honors Founders Day



PTK members Sandy Hannah, Becki West & Colleen Lennox.

The WNC Carson City chapter of Phi Theta Kappa celebrated the organization's Founder's Day by hosting a Snack and Chat event on Thursday, Nov. 17. The honor society recognizes student excellence and provides scholarships for students who qualify as members. For information about PTK, contact George McNulty, 445-3269 or Josh Fleming, 445-4257, or Monica Fairbanks (Fallon), 423-7988.



Don't Forget the Holiday Potlucks!

Please plan to attend one of the upcoming college potlucks to celebrate the season. WNC faculty, staff, foundation board and advisory board members are all invited to mingle and enjoy a meal together. The Fallon event is Thursday, Dec. 8, 11:30-1 p.m., in Virgil Getto Hall, Rm. 304. The Carson event is Friday, Dec. 16, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Carson Nugget Community Hall.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, Dec. 1: Financial Aid Deadline, in order to receive aid in time for spring 2012 fees to be paid by class cancelation deadlines.

Monday, Dec. 5: Spring registration begins for new students and continuing ed.

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.: Winter Choir Concert, Carson Nugget Community Hall, WNC Carson City. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-11-22a.php>

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.: Pottery Sale, College Gallery, Carson

Monday, Dec. 26: Christmas holiday-observed; college closed

Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 27-30: Limited college services.

Monday, Jan. 2: New Year's holiday-observed; college closed